

Carlisle Area School District

Key Instructional Writing Focus Grades 6-12

GRADE 6:

- Identify and write a topic sentence.
- Write an introduction, body and conclusion.
- Develop unity and coherence in writing.
- Develop a focus for writing.
- Recognize plagiarism when it occurs.
- Use the writing process.

GRADE 7:

- Write an attention getter.
- Write an introduction, body and conclusion.
- Develop unity and coherence in writing.
- Develop a focus for writing.
- Utilize good sentence structure.
- Use paraphrasing and summarizing as a means to avoid plagiarism.
- Use the writing process.

GRADE 8:

- Identify and write a thesis statement.
- Write an introduction, body and conclusion.
- Develop unity and coherence in writing.
- Make appropriate transitions in writing.
- Utilize good sentence structure.
- Develop a focus for writing.
- Use citations in text as a means to avoid plagiarism.
- Utilize a work cited page in MLA format.
- Use the writing process.

GRADE 9:

- Utilize sentence variation.
- Use figurative language in writing.
- Establish a point of view for writing.
- Identify plagiarism and utilize appropriate tools to avoid plagiarism.
- Use the writing process.

GRADE 10:

- Utilize sentence variation.
- Use figurative language in writing.
- Establish a point of view for writing.
- Identify plagiarism and utilize appropriate tools to avoid plagiarism.
- Organize writing.
- Evaluate writing.
- Elaborate.
- Use the writing process

GRADE 11:

- Utilize precise wording.
- Employ emotional, logical and ethical appeals.
- Establish originality of thought in writing.
- Organize writing.
- Elaborate.
- Cite anecdotal evidence in writing.
- Evaluate writing.
- Use the writing process.

GRADE 12:

- Organize writing.
- Elaborate.
- Evaluate writing.
- Develop a comfort level with writing.
- Establish a writer's voice.
- Use the writing process.